

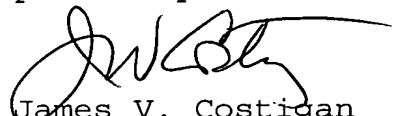
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicant elects Group I, claims 1-3 and 25-28, with traverse, as there is a technical relationship between the separately grouped claims.

Under the ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT, page AI-58, which is available as Annex B to APPENDIX T of the MPEP, a process is considered to be specially adapted for the manufacture of a product if the process results in the making of the product. Once it is established that the process is specially adapted for the manufacture of the product, division should not be required under the provisions of PCT Rule 13.2. The fact that the search is not coextensive for the process and product is not a basis for requiring restriction under PCT Rule 13.2.

For these reasons, it is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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